

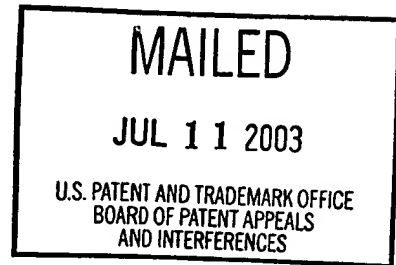
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte MASUO OHNISHI,
TOYOKAZU HAMAGUCHI
and HIROSHI MUTOH



Appeal No. 2002-0712
Application 09/184,878

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before Stoner, Chief Administrative Patent Judge,
Harkcom, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and
William F. Smith, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

On May 9, 2003, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 (Paper No. 27). Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination


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under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "it will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be promptly informed of any action affecting the appeal in this case.


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